SHRI MALLIKARJUN: So far as this project is concerned, a lot of exercise has been done in Andhra Pradesh in different routes. Apart from Andhra Pradesh, it has been done in other States also. As the position today is, there is no such proposal before the Government to undertake immediate electrification between Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. Of course, we also feel from Calcutta to Kharagpur it is electrified and it is a very important place. In future as and when the resource position becomes clearer and clearer, we will consider it.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: That is the standard answer given by all the Ministers.

Pending irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

*105. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in regard to Jurela, Vamsadhar Stage II, and Janhavatti irrigation projects proposed by Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that these projects are kept pending and would be taken up during the Eighth Plan period; and

(c) if so, by when these projects are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Jurela Project has been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee subject to state Government obtaining clearance from environmental angle and clearance from State Finance Department and Planning Department. On Vamsadhara Stage II, the State Government is required to obtain environment and forest clearance. Also a joint team has to visit the site to decide the necessity of hydraulic model studies so that the inter-State issue about the submergence of area from Orissa is resolved. For Jhanjavati Project the State Government is required to submit the revised project report.

(b) The State Government has included these projects in their Eight Plan document.

(c) The State Government will be able to undertake these projects after securing the required clearances including the investment clearance from the planning Commission.

SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Sir, if the State Government is not getting clearance from your Finance Ministry, how could you apply to the Central Government to get its clearance?

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: Obviously the came up to the Central *Government for technical clearance from* the irrigation point of view. Unless they get this clearance and the clearance is submitted to us, we cannot proceed in this matter.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI: When Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister, both, the then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri N. T. Rama Rao and the then Orissa Chief Minister, came to an understanding and they together went to the Prime Minister stating that there was no dispute as far as the Vamsadhra Stage-II is concerned between these two States. Then it was reported that the then Prime Minister told, "All right, it is accepted. It is done." But so far no action has been taken to execute the assurance offered by the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. What steps have been taken by the Government to see that it is cleared?

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: Sir, the comments of the Orissa Government are not on the record. Nor has it been provided to us by the Andhra Pradesh Government. As soon as that is provided we shall take further action. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI P. UPENDRA: The comments of the Orissa Government were supplied. There was an arrangement between the two Chief Ministers. The draft agreement is already there and only the signatures are to be affixed. At that stage the matter was stopped. How can you

say comments of the Orissa Government are not there? It is all on the file. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: No. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have not signed, that is what he says. The Government has not signed. (*Interruptions*)...

DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI: No, Sir. He says that there is no remark of the Orissa Government on the file. The remarks of the Andhra Pradesh Government and the Orissa Government are on the file. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did the Governments agree?

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: No, Sir. As far as our records show there are no comments of the Orissa Government. (*Interruptions*)...

DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI: Both the Chief Ministers agreed and an assurance was given by the then Prime Minister. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I may deviate a little from the question because the very important thing is that the Krishna Water Scheme between Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu was cleared when Indiraji was the Prime Minister and the project was taken up. Now, the Water Resources Ministry is there. Now, the Madras city is short of water, Sir. Therefore, I would like to know what the drinking water scheme is. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is it connected with the question? (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I sought your permission. Sir, I want a drinking water scheme. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does it arise in this question? (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I sought your permission. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Question No. 106.

Decline in the transportation capacity of railways

*106. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:†
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transportation capacity of railways has come down during the year 1990-91;

(b) whether it is also a fact that income of Railways has also gone down as a result of decline in transportation;

(c) if so, what was the total reduction or increase in the goods transported during the year 1990-91 as compared to the year 1989-90 and 1988-89; and

(d) what was the extent of decrease in earned income of Railways on account of transportation in the year 1990-91 as compared to the year 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The information is tabulated below:

(in million tonnes)

Year	Revenue earning traffic	Total freight traffic
1988-89 . .	302	329.5
1989-90	310	334.5
1990-91 . . .	318.5	341.0

(d) There was no decrease in earned income in the year 1990-91, as compared to 1989-90.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: My question is whether the figures produced by you are in accordance with your planning, that you were going to produce 318 or 341 million tonnes of freight traffic, or are they below, the projections

†The Question was actually asked on the flour of the House by Sardar Jagjit Singh Aurora.